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ADDRESS: 221 South Olive Street
OWNER: Louis Swiatel. To be purchased and DEMOLISHED
by Community Redevelopment Agency
USE: Residence

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bunker Hill District was developed during the first waves of real-estate speculation and boom that came with the extension of Southern Pacific Railroad to Los Angeles in 1876, and the construction of the Santa Fe Railroad, completed in 1886; and came to an abrupt recession with the bursting of the bubble in 1888.

Large mansions of the wealthy, designed in the flamboyant styles that were the fashion of the time, were constructed on Bunker Hill, giving way in the 90's to homes for the professional class, and finally, after 1900, to residential hotels and apartment buildings. The mansions have disappeared and the few examples of the eclectic residential architecture remaining at this writing are of modest proportions. They are doomed for demolition with the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Built in 1890, the design bears strong resemblance to the work of the brothers, Samuel and Joseph Newsom, architects practicing in Los Angeles in this period or is adapted from their book of drawings.

See CAL-344 for more complete Historical and Architectural information regarding Bunker Hill District.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

A one-story wood frame house of 2,994 square feet, having 13 rooms, plus 225 square feet enclosed porch. Overall dimensions, approximately 40' x 84'.

Typical exterior clapboard construction; wood framed walls; doors and double-hung windows; two rear enclosed porches and 168 square foot front porch; three brick fireplaces; 18' x 18' basement storage under front.

Typical interior construction; pine board flooring; wood lath and plaster walls and ceilings.

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